

REMARKS

1. Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner's comments which have greatly assisted Applicant in responding.
2. 35 U.S.C. § 102(e). The Examiner has rejected Claims 3-6, 10 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by deSilva.

Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claims 3 and 5:

The Examiner states: "Regarding claims 3, 5: deSilva teaches a method for generating an original set of printer description (PPD) text files, the method comprising the steps of: providing at least one base PPD text file (column 18 line 30-62, document 601 of column 13 line 28) for a single language (column 6 line 57) and a single platform (computer, column 9 line 45) combination for a particular printer; ..."

The Examiner has overlooked Applicant's consistent use of the platform/language terminology throughout the disclosure. The Examiner has pointed to, in column 6 line 57, a computer programming language called C++ (which is used to implement deSilva's invention). Applicant has consistently used the language portion of the platform/language term as meaning written/spoken languages such as English, French, German, Japanese, etc. Therefore, deSilva does not teach or disclose the use of a language as claimed in the invention and used consistently throughout the disclosure.

The Examiner continues with: "providing at least one base PPD text file (column 18 line 30-62, document 601 of column 13 line 28)... providing at least one build file (a collection (file) of instances of objects, column 12 line 39, column 18 line 35-43) that describes a product or platform specific set of features of the base PPD; (column 12 line 41-46) and generating at least one set of PPD files (the set that is edited by the developer, column 13 line 30-32) from the based PPD (601 that is provided to the developer, column 13 line 29-30) and the build file. (the object of instance that is replaced by printer specific implementation, column 13, line 30-32)"

The Examiner has cited deSilva's personality document as both a base PPD file and a build file. It is clear from deSilva that the personality document described in document 601 of column 13 line 28 is the same document as the one entitled "Printer Personality Document" in column 18 lines 29-67, *i.e.*, a PPD. The Examiner's use of deSilva's personality document as both a base PPD and a build file clearly shows the use of improper hindsight. There is no teaching or disclosure of a build file in deSilva. DeSilva teaches away from a system providing at least one build file that describes a product or platform specific set of features of a base PPD and generating at least one set of PPD files from the base PPD and the build file as claimed in the invention, by teaching that deSilva simply uses a PPD file that the developer can customize (col. 11, lines 31-33, lines 44-46; col. 13, lines 28-32) by replacing certain items (objects) within the file.

It is clear that to reach the Examiner's conclusions above, would require the use of information gleaned from the present invention. Such use of hindsight is impermissible.

Applicant believes Claims 3 and 5 are in allowable condition. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claims 4 and 6:

Based on Applicant's comments regarding Claims 3 and 5, above, Applicant believes Claims 4 and 6 are in allowable condition. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

Claim 10:

Based on Applicant's comments regarding Claims 3 and 5, above, Applicant believes Claim 10 is in allowable condition. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(e).

3. 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). The Examiner has rejected Claims 1, 2, 7-9 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over deSilva and Andrews et al.

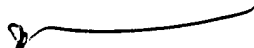
Based on Applicant's comments regarding Claims 3 and 5, above, and the Examiner's clear statement in the Detailed Action that deSilva and Andrews teach the use of computer programming languages and not written/spoken languages, Applicant believes

independent Claims 1 and 7 are in allowable condition. Claims 2 and 8-9 are dependent upon Claims 1 and 7, respectively. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a).

CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant considers the present invention to be distinguished from the art of record. Accordingly, Applicant earnestly solicits the Examiner's withdrawal of the rejections raised in the above referenced Office Action, such that a Notice of Allowance is forwarded to Applicant, and the present application is therefore allowed to issue as a United States patent.

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